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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Destruction of rats—Dysentery returns—Plague in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, July 24, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since July 16, the date of my last report, no case of plague has appeared in Japan outside of the colony of Formosa. As regards the island just named the latest returns, about July 18, show recorded cases from January 4 amounting to 4,168, with a mortality of 3,268.

Notwithstanding the absence of human plague from Japan, the war against the rat goes on actively. Statistics just published show that, in Tokyo, June 11 to June 26, 216,879 were killed, while, during the entire month of June, 68,035 were destroyed in Osaka, 26,234 in Kobe, and 18,367 in Yokohama.

An isolated case of so-called cholera is announced from time to time as, on the 19th instant, 2 in widely separated districts of Tokyo.

Dysentery is somewhat severely prevalent in certain country neighborhoods of this, Kanagawa Ken, but Yokohama itself is practically free from this epidemic.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

A case of smallpox on the steamship City of Peking, at Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, July 25, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, on inspecting the steamship *City of Peking* yesterday morning, I found, among her firemen, a case which is probably one of smallpox modified by vaccination.

I at once requested the Japanese quarantine officers to send the ship to the quarantine station of Nagahama for thorough disinfection, and she is now there undergoing the process.

I shall visit her this afternoon, when, if all is satisfactory, the ship will proceed on her voyage. I have ordered general vaccination of all on board.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, August 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions of this station during the week ended August 3, 1901: There has been but 1 death from yellow fever. Thirty-three deaths are given as the city's mortality for the week. A death from cholera nostras was reported. Six vessels were given bills of health and 87 passengers inspected. I inclose the weekly mortality report.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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Vera Cruz, Mexico—Mortality report for the week ended August 3, 1901.

Yellow fever.....	1	Malarial fever.....	1
Pernicious fever.....	4	Pneumonia.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	5	Tetanus.....	1
Enteritis.....	5	Deaths from all causes.....	33
Cholera nostras.....	1		

Report from Progreso—Yellow fever prevalent at Merida.

PROGRESO, MEXICO, *August 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended August 3, 1901:

From all causes there were 6 deaths, none of which were from any contagious diseases.

The 1 case of yellow fever that was reported on July 26 has been the only manifestation of the disease so far in this port, but it has assumed quite an epidemic form in Merida, where there are at present about 10 cases. There were 3 deaths from the disease in Merida during the past week.

Smallpox has about disappeared in and about Merida, there having been no deaths from that cause during the past ten days.

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Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Plague and smallpox in Manila.

MANILA, P. R., *July 5, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to give the plague data for the week ended June 29, 1901, as follows: Fifteen cases with 11 deaths—11 Filipinos, and 4 Chinese. During the same period there was 1 case of smallpox and there were 159 deaths from all causes.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague in Manila.

MANILA, P. I., *July 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that plague is commencing to diminish in Manila, since only 8 cases with 7 deaths were reported for the week ended July 6, 1901. Six Chinese and 2 Filipinos were affected. During the same period no smallpox was reported and 125 deaths from all causes occurred.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

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